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U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Management Division

Winchester, VA 22602-4843

February 12, 2018

Mr. Thomas Woodard



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Re: Pre-publication Appeal Request dated October 25, 2017

Dear Mr. Woodard,

This responds to your appeal request of October 25, 2017 per Section 4.3.2 of the Pre-publication Review Policy Guide (0792PG, hereinafter "Policy Guide") appealing a determination of the Record Information/Dissemination Section of the same date of your request submitted between May 30, and June 1, 2017.

I have reviewed your appeal of the redactions applied to your submissions received between May 30 and June 1, 2017 in the context of release to the public and have concluded the redactions were properly applied to the documents.

The three documents submitted by you between May 30 and June 1, 2017 sought pre-publication review of information in which you assert issues with respect to FBI misconduct and retaliation. The documents received outlined your grievances with regards to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The content of the documents, when reviewed, triggered several prohibited disclosures.

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By letter dated September 30, 2017, RIDS advised your submissions were reviewed with respect to FBI equities under the terms of the Policy Guide, and appropriate redactions were applied. Specifically, publication of the redacted portions of your submission could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of numerous individuals you identify and reveal sensitive law enforcement techniques, procedures and considerations. See Prepublication Review Policy Guide, Section 4.1.4.

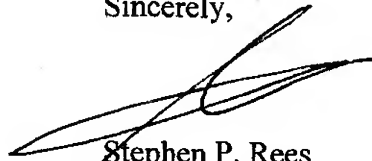
The RIDS' findings are based on Bureau publication and security policy and extend only to the information contained in your submissions received between May 30 and June 1, 2017. You are further advised that this decision does not address or relieve you of the standards and other applicable FBI and Office of Government Ethics regulations or policies as set forth in the FBI Ethics and Integrity Program Policy Guide (0454PB).

In conclusion, I have reviewed the redactions applied to your submissions received between May 30 and June 1, 2017 and have concluded that some redactions may be removed but, the majority will remain as applied. Specifically redactions to page twenty of the documents

submitted should be removed based on the plea agreement document you submitted to our office. All other redactions within your submission we have determined were properly applied to the documents and will remain.

As prescribed by the Prepublication Review Policy Guide, Section 4.3.2, this is a final decision.

Sincerely,

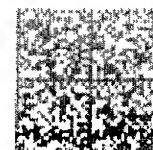


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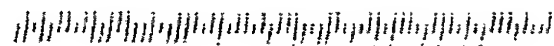
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